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DPSCS HONORS VICTIMS AND ADVOCATES FOR NATIONAL VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

OPEN HOUSE AND AWARDS TUESDAY, APRIL 12 IN SYKESVILLE

TOWSON, MD (April 5, 2005)--Inmate art work to showcase an upcoming exhibit where art work sold means money donated to victims services...

A television news photographer whose own mother was murdered even as he covered the "murder beat" for the news...

Donated cell phones to be refurbished and given to domestic violence victims...

These are just some of the highlights of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Victims' Rights Week Open House and Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, April 12 at 1 p.m. at the Public Safety Education and Training Center, 6852 Fourth St. in Sykesville. This event features loved ones of murder victims, awards to victim advocates, and more than a dozen displays by organizations that provide victim services.

This is the 25th year for America's weeklong tribute to victims. Please come out and join DPSCS Secretary Mary Ann Saar for a moving ceremony organized by a department that puts victims first at every level of the system.

**NATIONAL VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK 2005:
"Justice Isn't Served Until Crime Victims Are."**